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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TURKISH FONMIN TO SOVIET UNION

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- 1. TURKISH PRESS MARCH 4 REPORTS THAT TURKISH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WILL VISIT THE SOVIET UNION MARCH 13 AND 14. CAGLAYANGIL'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT VISIT IS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT APPROXIMATELY THAT DATE. CAGLAYANGIL WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN MOSCOW ONLY TWO DAYS, BUT HE MAY ALSO VISIT LENINGRAD BEFORE RETURNING TO ANKARA.
- 2. PRESS STORIES ABOUT CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT SUGGEST THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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PRIMIN DEMIREL HAS BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO EXPAND TURKEY'S TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION DURING THIS DECISIVE PERIOD IN U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS. HE HAS THEREFORE DECIDED THAT HE WILL NOT VISIT THE SOVIET UNION AT THIS TIME AND THAT THE SIGNING OF A POLITICAL DOCUMENT MUST AWAIT HIS VISIT. NEVERTHELESS, TO BALANCE THIS DECISION AND TO AVOID STRAINING RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, HE HAS AGREED TO CAGLAYANGIL'S

VISIT.

3. COMMENT: PRESS REPORTS ARE SOURCED TO MFA OFFICIALS AND ARE GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE WERE TOLD BY MFA OFFICIALS IN MID-FEBRUARY (REFTEL).

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